

REGION 7 PRIORITIES

BY 12/31/15

Hire and deploy new staff earned by VERA/VSIP effort

Reinvigorate Region 7 training and mentoring to sustain high performing staff

LEAN/Process Excellence delivering measurable improvements that encourage agency-wide replication

Restore summer student hiring as pipeline opportunity to fulfill diversity and inclusion goals developed by Diversity Leadership Council

Focus appropriate regional resources to implement Administrator's cross-cutting strategies: HPO, sustainability, partnerships, communities

With Clean Power Plan rule finalized, aggressive assistance underway to state partners developing carbon-reduction plans

Omaha Lead Site (agency's largest urban Superfund site) remedial effort completed with resources set aside to fund future local remediation efforts of "holdout" properties

SC2 (multi-agency, EPA lead) in St Louis fully engaged on projects reflecting City objectives and federal partnership's joint work plan

Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy stakeholders committed to monitoring and measurement plan that encourages land-management practices delivering greatest N and P cuts in priority watersheds

Yard cleanups in Missouri's Old Lead Belt (St. Francois County) well underway owing to resolution of PRP litigation

West Lake Landfill Superfund Site (metro St. Louis) waste characterization completed and draft ROD development well underway

EPA/Corps Clean Water Rule (WOTUS) being implemented with robust public outreach

Regional enforcement priorities well defined, aligned with national enforcement initiatives, and informed by EJ Screen

Superfund Division Director hired, completing senior staff team

BY 1/15/17

Iowa environmental agency having fulfilled workplan to strengthen CAFO permitting/inspection/enforcement, Clean Water Act de-delegation petition dismissed

Community initiatives identified in 2014-15 well established, with measurable benefits
Working in partnership with states to implement first generation of Clean Power Plans

EJ considerations solidly integrated into all regional work, including partnership support of state permits and enforcement

Inspection/enforcement initiatives using data analytics fully engaged: fuel/chemical storage/handling near drinking-water sources; small community food-manufacturing facilities with chemical release potential and industrial pre-treatment discharges

Emergency response capabilities well synchronized with first responders and state/federal partners to support prompt, effective control and public-protection efforts: Region 7 underlain by thousands of miles of fuel/chemical pipelines, criss-crossed by thousands of rail miles, bounded by key industrial-freight waterway (Mississippi/Missouri/Ohio system)

Final ROD for Waste Lake Landfill Site (metro St. Louis) approved following robust public comment

Regional career staff sincerely thanked for having made this Regional Administrator's seven years successful, fulfilling, and life-altering and Acting RA and his entire team ready to welcome new RA